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NEWSLETTER

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THE BUDGET FOR THE STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION was set at \$46,335, each year for the next biennium - an increase of \$7,063 over the previous year. Total for the biennium is \$92,670. We are endlessly grateful to the many people who worked so hard in our behalf in an attempt to secure the budget request of \$88,900 for each year. No other state service received as many letters asking support.

SCOTT O'DELL AND NICHOLAS SIDJAKOV were acclaimed today as recipients of the 1961 Newbery and Caldecott Medals for the most distinguished children's books published in 1960. Announcement of the awards came from the New York office of Frederic G. Melcher, donor of the medals.

The John Newbery Medal, given annually since 1922 for the "most distinguished contribution to American literature for children" goes to Mr. O'Dell for Island of the Blue Dolphins published by the Houghton Mifflin Company of Boston, Mass.

The Randolph Caldecott Medal, awarded since 1938 to the artist of the year's "most distinguished American picture book," was won by Mr. Sidjakov for Baboushka and the Three Kings, published by Parnassus Press, Berkeley, Calif.

Runners up for the Newbery Medal are: Gerald Johnson - America Moves Forward, William Morrow and Company, Inc., New York; Jack Schaefer, Old Ramon, Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston, and George Selden, The Cricket in Times Square, Farrar, Straus and Cudahy, Inc., New York. Runner up for the Caldecott Award was Leo Lionni for Inch by Inch, published by Ivan Obolensky, Inc., New York.

THE MONTANA STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE IN GLENDIVE promises to be the outstanding library event of the year. Preliminary plans have been received from Ruth Warncke and soon requests will go forth to every corner of the state to Trustees, Friends, school and public librarians who will take part in a most dynamic program on The Library Image.

LETITIA JOHNSON, LIBRARIAN OF THE RONAN HIGH SCHOOL is Chairman for Montana for the American Association of School Librarians' Standards Implementation Project. Tish will attend the national meeting to be held in Chicago and will report on this meeting at M.S.L.A. in Glendive at the luncheon on Saturday, May 6th.

WE ARE ENCLOSING THE BROCHURE FOR GRETCHEN SCHENK'S WORKSHOP with this newsletter. There is a preliminary reservation form included for your convenience. How good it will be if every library in the state - and the bordering states - are represented!

SY SEIFERT, A VERY BUSY MEMBER OF THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR NLW has heard from three other managers of Montana Outdoor Advertising Companies who will donate their services, along with Mr. Myhre of Billings, to post the large outdoor road signs for NLW. Mr. Thor Myhre of Foote Outdoor, Inc. will cover Great Falls, Billings and Lewistown; Mr. John M. Hardenburg, of the Hardenburg Outdoor Advertising Company in Missoula will provide his services for this area; Mr. Bruce Markham, Plant Manager of the Markham Advertising Company, Pocatello, Idaho, will take care of Bozeman, Miles City and Glendive; and Havre will be served by Mr. Marion Streeter, Manager of Obie Advertising Inc., Havre. Sy asks that we all express our thanks to these gentlemen for their most generous donation of time, space and materials.

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MARYWOOD COLLEGE

A PUBLIC HEARING IS SCHEDULED ON APRIL 4TH at 10 A.M. in Lewistown, to consider county-wide library service by contract with the Lewistown Carnegie Public Library.

ALMA JACOBS REPORTS THAT SEVENTEEN LIBRARIES have sent in the names of their local National Library Week Committees. The report for Montana to National Headquarters will include these names so be sure that your committee is on the list. Do your plans include directional signs and too, a listing under "library" in your telephone directory?

NOTABLE BOOKS OF 1960, a selected list, has been announced by the American Library Association. Reprints are available in quantity from the A.L.A. Publishing Department, 50 East Huron St., Chicago 11, Ill. at the following rates: 50 copies, \$3.50; 100, \$5; 250, \$10; 500, \$16; 1000, \$28; 2500, \$60; 5000, \$100.

AN ANNOTATED METEOROLOGICAL BIBLIOGRAPHY FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS published by the U.S. Weather Bureau is available through the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C. at a cost of 10¢. Tom Jermin sends us this information and tells us that this is an excellent bibliography.

THE LIBRARY IMAGE: A MANUAL OF LIBRARY INTERPRETATION, prepared by Miriam McNally, Director of the Public Relations Planner, in cooperation with the Montana librarians who attended the Pilot Workshop on Library Interpretation last June, is now in its second printing. Miriam reports increasing interest in the manual from most of the states in the nation.

A SHORT STORY about a goose named Margaret, written by Marty Kelly of Great Falls, appears in the current issue of the Ladies Home Journal. Mrs. Kelly published a short story earlier in True West.

SEVEN LEADING AMERICAN LIBRARIANS will tour the Soviet Union as part of a cultural exchange mission. The American exchange mission, leaving from New York City early in May, 1961, will study library techniques in the USSR for about 30 days. Their Russian counterparts will, in the meantime, have been studying American techniques in the United States during April, 1961.

Mrs. Frances Lander Spain, President of the American Library Association, said, "Exchanges of this character help to create an atmosphere in which settlement of the more threatening differences between the two world powers may become conceivable."

American librarians, all outstanding members of the ALA, who will tour Russia include: the Executive Director of the American Library Association, Mrs. Frances Lander Spain, President, the Librarian of Congress, Raynard C. Swank, Director, International Relations Office, Melville Ruggles, Vice President Council on Library Resources, Inc., Emerson Greenaway, Director Free Library, Philadelphia, Pa., and Sallie Farrell, Field Representative of the Louisiana State Library.

